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Christine MacKenzie citizen of the year

By FRANCES ABBITT

Mrs. Christine Garrette MacKenzie, (Mrs. J. F.) was awarded Citizenship of the Year award presented by the Concord Ruritan Club at a dinner meeting on Monday evening, September 19 at the Concord Ruritan Building.

The presentation was made by Pete Pratt, chairman of the Citizenship Award committee. Present for the occasion was James A. Amick, president of Ruritan National.

An Appomattox County native, Mrs. MacKenzie is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Garrette. She attended elementary school at Liberty Chapel School in Appomattox County, and attended high school at the Blackstone College for girls. Upon completion of her high school studies, Mrs. MacKenzie attended both Farmville State Teachers' College, (now Longwood College) and Harrisonburg State Teachers College (now James Madison University).

A teaching career that spanned more than 21 years including Appomattox County, Princess Anne County, Southampton County and the City of Lynchburg. She served as principal of Stonewall Elementary School in Appomattox County for a time.

"I taught some of the members of the Concord Ruritan Club and even some of their wives," commented Mrs. MacKenzie.

In August of 1944 she married James F. MacKenzie, a native of Ohio. MacKenzie's father was born and reared in Scotland.

"And you know," commented MacKenzie, "I am the only one of my generation who has gone back to Scotland for a visit."

The MacKenzies have one daughter, Virginia Sue, a free lance artist who resides in Lynchburg.

A member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Concord, Mrs. MacKenzie has been active in the affairs of the church until health problems recently forced her to cut back on her activities.

"In 1972 Christine was named one of four outstanding 4-H club leaders in Virignia," said her husband with a great deal of pride.

"She has always been very active in a leadership capacity with Girl Scouts. She was division leader at one time," MacKenzie continued.

MacKenzie, himself, received the Citizen of the Year award in the late fifties. His wife receiving the honor makes it the first time a husband and wife have been awarded the honor in their club. This was the 31st Charter Night for the Concord Ruritans.

"She didn't want to go to the awards dinner," said her husband with a smile, "I kept telling her I wanted her to go and she kept saying she didn't want to. I finally convinced her that maybe some of the wives of the visiting men would be there and she really should go for their sake. She didn't realize that she was to be the recipient of the award until her name was called. She was happy too! Of course she cried a little," he said.

"I just don't know what I have done to deserve such an honor," said the former teacher/civic leader, and church worker.

"The little bit that I have contributed isn't much. I just hope I've been able to help someone along the way," she said.

"I definitely feel the boys and girls that I have worked with in schools, 4-H and Girl Scouts have done more for me than I could ever do for them. It make me feel good to see so many of the boys and girls that I have had the privilege of working with and know that they have turned out to be such a fine bunch of men and women. I have a great deal of pride in the young people with whom I worked."

Christine Garrette MacKenzie, special person to be remembered and loved, for all the little things along the way.

Citizen of the year

PETE PRATT, CHAIRMAN of Citizenship Award Committee of Concord Ruritan Club is shown presenting Citizenship Of the Year award to Christine Garrette MacKenzie. Looking on are James F. MacKenzie and James A. Amick, far right, President of Ruritan National. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer)

New local business

Schewel announces store opening here

Bertram R. Shewel, president of Schewel Furniture Company, headquartered in Lynchburg, Virginia, announced today the opening of a new Schewel's store. The store will be located in Appomattox, Virginia, on the lower level of the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center.

The seven-thousand square foot area has been completely remodeled, recarpeted, and has had new lighting and fixtures installed. There will be an entrance from the upper and lower levels with ample store-side parking provided.

The store will be managed by George McCormick who has been with Schewel's for over twenty years, and has worked in many capacities for the company. The store will be under the supervision of Mr. William Trausneck, a former Lynchburg resident, who now supervises 11 stores for Schewel's. Mr. Allen Hawley of Appomattox has been hired, and is taking training in the Lynchburg store. Other store personnel will be hired from the Appomattox community.

The store will carry a complete line of furniture, bedding, rugs and carpets, T.V.'s and appliances. This new store, when open, will be the 26th unit in the Schewel organization. The 26 units are located in 19 cities in Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. Schewel commented, "We are thrilled and happy to add Appomattox to the communities which we serve. We have for many years had loyal customers in this area. We feel that by opening a store in Appomattox, we can give these customers a better selection locally and much better service. We look forward to seeing and greeting our many friends from Appomattox and the surrounding counties."

Water use curtailed

The Town of Appomattox Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Harold Nash, would like to make the citizens aware that all water lines will be flushed on Thursday, Sept. 29, north of the railroad and west of North Church St.

On Friday, Sept. 30, all lines will be flushed north of the railroad and east of North Church St., starting at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

During this time it is suggested that you not wash clothes, as the water may be discolored at times.

Oct. 1 is 'Radio Day'

October 1 is "Radio Day" for the Woodmen Of The World Camp 71 in Appomattox.

This annual community project is made possible through the cooperation of local radio station WTTX FM 107. Local Woodmen will be doing the announcing and serving as DJ's during the entire day.

From 6 to 8 a.m. Woodmen Cecil Deaner and Ralph Reynolds will be in charge; from 8 to 10 a.m., Floyd Fleshman and Carroll Goodrich will be at the mike; from 10 a.m. until 12 noon Earl Clapp and Harry Lawson will be in charge; from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Greg Martin and Clayton Martin can be heard.

From 2 until 4 p.m. Allen Austin and Marvin House will be on the air; from 4 to 6 p.m. you may hear the voices of Ronnie Spiggle and James Ford; at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m Sammy Carter and Don Hudson will be at the mike; from 8 until 10 p.m. Ben Wheeler and Steve Marshall can be heard and from 10 p.m. until 12 midnight Woodmen Johnny Canada and Richard Martin will be in charge.

The Woodmen are involved in a number of community projects and the proceeds from "Radio Day" will enable the WOW to assist the many services they help support such as local fire and rescue units, the Dixie Youth Association, the Special Olympics, church and civic organizations, special benefit drives, crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs for the disabled.

For more information about the WOW "Radio Day" or if you would like to be a part of this activity and have not been contacted, you may call Chairman Steve Marshall at 352-5790 or Co-chairman Floyd Fleshman at 352-8049.

Squad seeks $20,000.00

The month of October has once again been set as the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad Fund Drive.

The county's squad is composed solely of volunteers who give of their time and talents to provide the best emergency care in time of need.

The entire squad membership will be stationed at various locations throughout the county the weekend of September 30, October 1, to accept donations. When approached for a donation, please give generously.

"The citizens of Appomattox County have always rallied to this cause in years past, and without their financial support, we could not operate," stated Michael Weiss, 1st Lieutenant, and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

"Our goal for this year's Fund Drive has modestly been set at $20,000, and projections indicate for a continued operation, we will have to increase that goal by at least 10 percent annually, just to meet expenses. The cost of operating our squad throughout 1984 will be $30,000, and over the next five years, the cost of operating will exceed $200,000. Since all of the members donate their time, you can see that the cost of supplies and equipment is staggering," continued Weiss.

"The Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad has been very fortunate to be able to operate at high standards strictly by raising funds through contributions. We have truly prided ourselves by being able to refrain from accepting state or federal assistance. Once this policy is begun (state or federal funding), the cost of operating this service would, for everyone, skyrocket," Weiss added.

Help the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad help you, give generously!

Parade marshalls

Clarks to lead RR festival

The Clark Family and Friends will be parade marshalls of this year's annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival set for Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9. The group, who, like Roy, present a wide variety of music, ranging from bluegrass to straight country to a little rock and roll, will perform at the depot following the parade.

The first music heard by the internationally known music star, Roy Clark, was played by his father and uncles.

While traveling out of state is usually limited to weekends, the group stays busy in their home state of Virginia. They are regular features each year at the annual Virginia Chicken Festival in Crewe, the popular Pork Festival in Emporia and the new Virginia Food Festival in Richmond. They have also appeared at the Virginia State Fair and last year served as parade marshalls for the Azelea Festival in Richmond. They have made campaign appearances for Governor Robb, and in 1976 were invited to perform for President Jimmy Carter when he visited Norfolk's beautiful Botannical Gardens.

Despite their busy schedules all but two of the group work at regular jobs.

On Saturday evening at 8 p.m. a display of fireworks will be seen from Cole's farm. It will be a new and different display, a factory-designed show, presented with the cooperation of Jerry Spates, Town Manager of Farmville.

Helicopter rides and a National Guard Military Display will be among the features at this year's celebration.

On Saturday evening, a Street Dance will begin at 8:30 and continue until midnight. There will be continuous music by two bands, Dixie Blend and Blackwater. There will be no charge for the street dance.

There will be crafts, food and fun for the whole family at this year's Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

The festival committee has requested that, for the safety of everyone concerned, no bike riding or roller skating will be permitted downtown during the festival weekend.

The Clark family and friends

THE CLARK FAMILY AND FRIENDS consist of Bob Schodt, front center, banjo; Uncle Dudley Clark, seated left, mandolin; Roy's father Hester Clark, seated right, guitar; standing, left to right, Kenny Clark, bass; Donnie Harding, guitar; Jim Eanes, drums; Mac Massie, electric guitar and Uncle Paul Clark, fiddle.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Last week in September and evidences abound of seasonal change. Leaves are getting rusty and some are falling. My fig crop this year consisted of two very smal ons. Too dry, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman, Lucy Street, have a lovely Pyracantha displaying its unique orange color. I used to have one but have forgotten what happened to it. Lawnmowers mostly silent. Had a few drops of rain one day last week and I saw birds jumping up and down in sheer joy and pecking at wet grass.

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Spent a pleasant hour Sunday afternoon in the parking lot at our National Park Service. Such interesting guests visiting historic Appomattox. A couple from East Alton, Illinois, and small daughter, Linda, proudly showing off her new doll. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Kepler with daugher Gabrelle Gross, who hails from San Francisco. And chatted with a dentist and wife and sister-in-law from Lindale, Texas. Cars from Carolina, W. Virginia and The Big Apple.

My friend, Jim MacKenzie, Concord, dropped by for a visit. Brought an interesting banking item from Scotland. I am not computed for pounds and pence, but enjoyed reading it. Thanks.

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Remember Mr. and Mrs. Percy Staton? She was the former Christian Barlow, of Appomattox. Percy was the top employee at The Times-Virginian when I came here in 1931. Later he was with the Lynchburg News, retiring at age 65. His hobby? Raising the prettiest azaleas you ever saw! Fine folks. Please come again.

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Football note: Appomattox's Kevin Ferguson, freshman at U. of Va., got into the Virginia - North Carolina State game briefly and caught a scoring pass.

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Mrs. E. Carter Martin, Rt. 1, Appomattox, is perhaps our area's No. 1 sports enthusiast. She is retired after 30 years as teacher - coach at our high school. She had planned and trained to enter Saturday's Ten Miler Race in Lynchburg. Last year she placed sixth in her age group. But a sprained leg muscle forced her to cancel out for Saturday's race. Her time is a very good 99.59 minutes for ten miles. Gee, I could not do that on a motorcycle. Mrs. Martin runs in the Joe Sweeney Classic here at our Railroad Festival, but this year she is entered in a big race that day in Danville. And her daughter, Mary Martin Torrence, who is moving to Campbell County from Appomattox, ran in the Lynchburg Ten Miler, the course in ninety minutes. Wow.

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Not let us forget Richard Ferguson, Appomattox's running champ. Finished 20th overall and first in his bracket. Now all this was against running stars from all over, including foreign nations.

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A reader phoned in to ask me to urge everyone to care for their pets and all animals. Please do. In fact, it is best to CARE. Period. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Harris wins football contest

Robert G. Harris of Appomattox was declared winner in last week's Times-Virginian Football Contest.

Harris and Todd Pickett of Pamplin tied for top honors, missing accurately predicting only one game in the contest.

Going to the tie-breakers for a decision, Harris, with a 23-point differential in scores, was named winner and will receive a check for $20 as first place prize. Pickett, with a 27-point spread, won second place and will receive a check for $10 as his prize.

Eight contestants missed only two games in the contest last week.

The contest continues this week, with full details on rules and prizes on an inside page of this issue of the paper.